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Madison County Issues Emergency Order in Regards to Migrant Crisis

WAMPSVILLE, NY – Madison County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors has issued an [Emergency Order](#) in response to the growing migrant crisis. The emergency order received nearly unanimous support with 18 of 19 Supervisors responding in support. It blocks the transportation of migrants or asylum seekers to locations in the county, or housing of person at locations in the county for a length of time without permission from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

In the order, Chairman John M. Becker states that, “the orderly and humane treatment of migrants and asylum seekers is necessary for the public safety, welfare and health of the residents of Madison County and migrants and asylum seekers alike and that the plan of the City of New York and/or other municipalities to bus migrants and asylum seekers to other counties without regard to available resources, community impacts, funding and capacity to humanely care and provide for migrants and asylum seekers necessitates the issuance of this Emergency Order.”

Madison County issued a [statement](#) on the migrant crisis last week about why Madison County is not suited to provide thousands of individuals with the resources and services they need. “I would like to reiterate once again that an influx of large numbers of migrants into our small community would strain our social, health and emergency resources, not to mention fiscal resources,” said Chairman Becker. “Both sides of our federal government need to come together and work on comprehensive immigration reform. Madison County understands that these individuals seeking asylum here in the U.S. are doing so out of desperation. The federal government needs to figure out a way to assist these individuals without just busing them to unprepared communities.”

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